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earring that came apart. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: It is your earring that is lost? Oh, I thought you had one you wanted to give away. If you had a pair I'd be interested in it for Valentine's Day. Senator Labedz, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR LABEDZ: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of personal privilege.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Just a moment, please. (Gavel.) Would you please hold it down so we can hear Senator Labedz. Thank you. Senator Labedz.

SENATOR LABEDZ: I...the other day it came to my attention that the "Hail Mary" film was going to be shown at the Sheldon Art Gallery. Rather than make a big to-do about what I intended to do, I did not call the Chancellor Massengale or I did not call President Roskens. Instead I called the Director of the Sheldon Art Gallery and asked him whether or not the film "Hail Mary" was approved by any board other than himself and he was very gracious, very respectful in his answers to me and he said he had the sole authority of choosing the film "Hail Mary". I told him I objected to the film because of what happened in other states and that I was going to have to do something about it and would talk to my regent that represented me in my district and also Bill Swanson who was the lobbyist for the Legislature. That's as far as it went. The newspapers had articles that I was...supposedly wrote a letter in regard to the film "Hail Mary". I challenge anyone including Senator Landis who put an open letter to the university to come up with a letter that I supposedly had written in regard to the film "Hail Mary" after it was cancelled, I would say probably the end of that day. Bill Swanson came up to me and asked me whether or not he should send out a news release saying that the film "Hail Mary" had been cancelled and I said, no, I don't want any publicity on that. I didn't want people to get all riled up as they did in other states with picketing the Sheldon Art Gallery or anything else. Now, today I received a copy of a letter that Senator Landis, I'm sure, has gone to many of the state senators and asked them to sign it. It's an open letter to the University of Nebraska community and the first line says, "It has come to our attention that the Sheldon Memorial Art Gallery at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln recently